

execution determining unit configured to determine, on the basis of a predetermined determination condition, whether the content data is to be printed."

In contradistinction, the network topology of Kageyama is distinctly different from the network topology according to the subject matter recited in claim 1. Specifically, the network topology according to the subject matter recited in claim 1 would be represented by a terminal that sends a request signal to the server computer via a printing unit and to receive a print execution command from the print execution determining unit. However, the sending and receiving unit in the network topology according to the subject matter recited in claim 1 does not communicate directly with the server computer but indirectly by way of the printer. Further, there is no separate print execution determining unit in the network topology disclosed, taught or suggested by Kageyama.

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is not anticipated by Kageyama. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claim 1, as being anticipated by Kageyama, be withdrawn.

In section 4 on pages 3 and 4, the Office Action rejects claims 2 and 3 as being unpatentable over Kageyama in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. US2003/0081247 to Sharma. In section 5 on pages 4-6, the Office Action rejects claims 2 and 3 as being unpatentable over Kageyama in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. US2003/0223093 to Baird et al. (hereinafter "Baird"). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

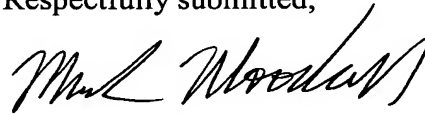
Claims 2 and 3 are allowable based on at least on their dependence from claim 1 for the reasons stated above in connection with the rejection of claim 1. It is respectfully submitted that Sharma and Baird fail to overcome the deficiencies in Kageyama detailed above in connection with the rejection of claim 1.

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 2 and 3, as being unpatentable over Kageyama in view of Sharma, and as being unpatentable over Kageyama in view of Baird, be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-3 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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